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Current Projects and Services

At their February 2010 meeting, the RTPO TAC heard presentations from agencies where were proposing projects for inclusion in an update to the 2010-2015 Rural Transportation Improvement Program Recommendation (RTIPR) for the Mid-Region area. Projects included in the RTIPR are eligible for federal funding as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Inclusion in the RTIPR is the first step towards potential inclusion in the State TIP by the State Transportation Commission. The following projects were included in the RTIPR:

2010 NM Mid-Region RTPO RTIPR

2/23/2010

Project Type: Bicycle/Pedestrian / Enhancement Projects

PROJECT

FROM

TO

REQUESTING AGENCY

DOT DIST.

LENGTH (MILES)

TYPE IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT COST IN \$000

LOCAL (L)STATE (S) LEAD?

MID-REGION PRIORITY

1st Street Improvements

Castillo Road

Reinken

Belen

3

1

Roadway, Pedestrian and lighting

\$1,200.0

Local

1

Becker Street Improvements

1st Street

3rd Street

Belen

3

1

Traffic calming, parking modifications, pedestrian and lighting

\$2,500.0

Local

2

CR11 Multi-Use Path

US550

County Fairgrounds

Cuba

6

1.3

Multi use path from Village to Sandoval County Fairgrounds

\$897.0

Local

3

2nd Street

Reinken

West Castillo

Belen

3

1.5

Roadway, Pedestrian and lighting

\$1,200.0

Local

4

NM126/CR13 Pedestrian Facilities

US550

St. Francis Park

Cuba

6

1.15

sidewalk and multi-use trail

\$999.0

Local

5

US550 Crosswalk and Ped Safety Improvements

MP63

MP65

Cuba

6

2

Enhanced crosswalks and traffic calming

\$720.0

Local

5

Miera Road and Rito Leche Pedestrian Facilities & Lighting

Cubita Rd

E. of US550

Cuba

6

0.75

Pedestrian facilities

\$450.0

Local

6

Project Type: Roadway - Expansion

PROJECT

FROM

TO

REQUESTING AGENCY

DOT DIST.

LENGTH (MILES)

TYPE IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT COST IN \$000

LOCAL (L) STATE (S) LEAD?

MID-REGION PRIORITY

Camino del Llano Improvements

I-12 Exit 191

West

Belen

3

2.5

Reconstruct, drainage

\$8,000.0

Local

1

Northwest Loop

I-40

US550

Sandoval County

6 and 3

24

Alignment study

\$2,931.5

Local

2

Aragon Road

Main Street

Mesa Road

Belen

3

2

Expand from two to a four lane section

\$3,500.0

Local

3

Project Type: Roadway - Preservation

PROJECT

FROM

TO

REQUESTING AGENCY

DOT DIST.

LENGTH (MILES)

TYPE IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT COST IN \$000

LOCAL (L)STATE (S LEAD?

MID-REGION PRIORITY

James Street Improvements

Calle de Llano

end of Road

Valencia County

3

2.1

Pave dirt road and address drainage issues

\$1,000.0

Local

1

NM 263

Otero Road

Valencia County

3

1.26

Repave.

\$300.0

Local

2

Gabaldon Road Improvements

E. Aragon

NM314

Valencia County

3

1.98

pavement rehabilitation and school bus stops

\$400.0

Local

2

Armijo Road Improvements

Mill Road

NM309

Valencia County

3

4.4

repave and address safety issues

\$300.0

Local

3

Manzano Expressway

NM47 (Rio Communities Blvd.)

El Cerro Mission Blvd

Valencia County

3

12

Repave and widen shoulders

\$2,000.0

Local

4

Shawn Lane/Rosalie Drive

Sichler

Morris

Valencia County

3

Widen and pave Rosalie Drive, repave Shawn Lane

\$200.0

Local

5

Sichler Road Improvements

La Cienga

Morris

Valencia County

3

1.57

repave and stripe for safety

\$415.0

Local

6

Project Type: Roadway - Safety

PROJECT

FROM

TO

REQUESTING AGENCY

DOT DIST.

LENGTH (MILES)

TYPE IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT COST IN \$000

LOCAL (L)STATE (S) LEAD?

MID-REGION PRIORITY

NM47

Bosque Farms (MP 35)

NM147 (MP 37.5)

Isleta Pueblo

3

2.5

Continuous left turn lane

\$800.0

State

1

NM47/McGee north bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

2

NM47/Peralta Blvd south bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

3

NM47/Andy Road south bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

4

NM47/NM304

Dist 3

3

Install traffic signal and modify geometry

\$400.0

State

4

NM47/Wesley Road north bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

5

NM47/Don Jacobo south bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

6

NM47/Molina

Dist 3

3

Permanent traffic signal and additional signing and striping

\$250.0

State

7

NM47/Peralta Road south bound

Peralta

3

Create turn lane

\$11.0

State

8

NM197 Safety Project

US550

Cubita

Cuba

6

0.1

Pedestrian safety strategies, including lighting and signage

\$103.5

Local

9

Other Activities

- The Los Lunas Transportation Corridor Study is underway.
- The Valencia County Mobility Plan has been updated.
- The Rural Public Transportation District Service Plan is in progress.
- We currently provide support to the I-40 Corridor Study in Torrance and Bernalillo County, Step Into Cuba Health Alliance in Sandoval County, and the NM41 Rail to Trail project in Torrance County. MRCOG is also acting as the project manager for the Los Lunas Corridor Study in Valencia County. The majority of the Los Lunas Corridor Study lies in the rural planning area.



- We support rural communities which are implementing transportation projects from **GR IP II:**

Governor Richardson's Investment Partnership (a \$1.6 billion statewide transportation expansion and infrastructure improvement project.) as well as American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects.

- We support local organizations as they identify and implement projects that will enhance the **Scenic Byways** in their communities. The Salt Missions Trail, the Turquoise Trail, the Jemez Mountain Trail, the Camino Real and the Route 66 Scenic Byway are all in the rural planning area.

- The RTPPO TAC recently
- Recommended a prioritized set of rural public transportation projects to the Federal Transit Administration
- Added a set of proposed projects to the RTIPR for possible funding through the American Reconstruction and Recovery Act.

Reports

 [The Mid Region Rural Long Range Transportation Plan](#)  [3.31 Mb](#) (approved in 2007) identifies transportation needs in Torrance, Valencia, rural Sandoval, and southern Santa Fe counties between now and 2030.

- [Traffic flow maps](#) are available for the major road network in Sandoval, Torrance, rural Bernalillo, and Valencia Counties.

 [Jemez Valley Corridor Assessment](#)  [3.28 Mb](#)

 [2008-2009 Mid Region Rural Transportation Planning Organization Annual Report](#)

Resources for Local Communities

There are a number of resources that local communities can use as they identify their communities' needs and ways to address those needs, search for funding for projects, or navigate the grant and project development process.

- [Federal Highway Administration](#)
- [Federal Railroad Administration](#)
- [Federal Transit Administration](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Transportation](#)
- [NM Scenic Byways](#)
- [Scenic Byways](#)
- [Rural Transportation Clearinghouse](#)
- [New Mexico Finance Authority](#)

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